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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 5822

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJECT: CANADIAN ICCS ATTITUDES

1. FORMER CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO VIET- NAM ICC, ROBERT JACKSON, PAID COURTESY CALL APRIL 5 ON AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE DURING WHICH HE GAVE GLOOMY ASSESSMENT OF ICCS PERFORMANCE TO DATE AND PESSIMISTIC FORECAST REGARDING POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE OF ICCS IN THE FUTURE. SINCE HIS LAST VISIT IN SAIGON SIX WEEKS AGO, JACKSON NOTED A CONSIDERABLE DROP IN MORALE AMONG ICCS CANDEL PERSONNEL AND LATEST PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY EXTAFF MIN SHARP HAVE DONE NOTHING TO EASE CANDEL FRUSTRATIONS. JACKSON CHARACTERIZED ICCS PERFORMANCE OVER PAST TWO MONTHS AS ONLY TELESOPING FIRST DECADE OF ICC EXPERIENCES. IN HIS OPINION, THE MOST FLARING VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN THE CONTINUED

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INFILTRATION ALONG HO CHI MINH TRAIL STRENGTHENING PRG/ NVA FORCES. MEANWHILE, ICCS REMAINS POWERLESS DUE TO THE " MARCHING ORDERS" OF HUNGDEL/ POLDEL AND JACKSON SAW LITTLE CHANCE THAT MOSCOW WOULD ISSUE ANY NEW DIRECTIVES THAT WOULD ALIENATE HANOI. AS FOR INDODEL, THEIR RECORD HAS BEEN " DISAPPOINTING". JACKSON CONCLUDED THAT THE ICCS IN THE FUTURE WOULD EITHER EXPLODE DUE TO ENSUING ANTAGONISMS BETWEEN CHIP DELS OR SINK INTO TOTAL PARALYSIS, AND HE INTIMATED THAT CANDEL HAD NO INTENTION OF REMAINING IN THE ICCS IN THE EVENT OF EITHER CASE.

2. JACKSON IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED IN VIENTIANE AS CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO LAOS ICC BUT SAID HE IS PLANNING TO DEPART FROM LAOS IN 4-6 WEEKS SINCE HE HAS NO HOPE THAT THE LAOS ICC WILL BE REACTIVATED.

3. COMMENT: MOST EXTAFF CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF ICCS CANDEL TEND TO BE MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN THEIR MILITARY COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN VIET- NAM. JACKSON' S VIEWS ARE ABOUT THE MOST EXTREME WE HAVE HEARD. WHILE THE PRESENT PICTURE IS FAR FROM SATISFACTORY, JACKSON' S ATTITUDES MAY BE MORE DARKLY COLORED THAN MOST DUE TO HIS PREVIOUS ICC PARTICIPATION AND MORE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN LAOS.  
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